

By Major Generall Lambert, Commander in Chief in these Northern Parts.

VV Hereas the Committee of the Militia of the Countie of York did formerly give directions for calling the Inhabitants of the Weapontake of *Claro* to labour in the sleighting of the Castle of *Knaresbrough*; according to the severall Orders of Parliament in that behalf; and being now informed that divers of the said Inhabitants do neglect to send in men to assist in that Work, and such Labourers as are sent from any Towne, do for the most part neglect the Service, comming late, going away early, and standing idle whilest they stay, so as the Castle is at present in danger to be surprized if any Enemie should attempt it; And in regard the said Committee doth not Act as formerly, it is therefore Ordered, that everie Pettie-Constable within the said Weapontake doe upon the eight day of *January* instant, send a certain number of able Labourers with Spades, Shovels, Pick-Axes, Hacks, Mattocks or Gavelocks proportioning their numbers, according the Book of Rates, that is to say, one Labourer for every pennie charged on the Constablerie in the said Book of Rates, each Labourer to work from half hour after seven a Clock in the Morning, and to continue untill half hour after four a Clock in the Afternoon, resting onely for one hour at Dinner time.

And to the end the said Work may be effectually performed, everie Constable is to levie weekly so much money as will pay each Labourer his Wages after eight pence *per diem*, and bring the same to *Knaresbrough*, and there Pay it to the Hands of *John Roundell* & *Robert Hill*, who are therewith to pay each Labourer his Wages proportionably, according to the hours he shall labour at the said Work; and deduct out of his said Wages for so many hours as hee shall neglect. And each Labourer, with the respective Constable of the Towne that sends them, are to appear (when they come to work) in the Towlebooth of *Knaresbrough*, where *Mr. Richard Ellis* is to Register their appearance, and also Register what summe of Money each Constable shall deliver to the said *John Roundell* or *Robert Hill* for paiment of their Wages, and is likewise to Register what Wages is paid to everie severall Labourer, that no abuse be done to the Countrey.

And for such Towns as have not sent in their proportion of Labourers for the last fourteen dayes, according to the former Warrants, the Governour of *Knaresbrough* Castle is hereby Ordered (upon notice given him by *Mr. Stockdale*, *Mr. Rodes* and *Mr. Barroby*) to send a Partie of Souldiers to Quarter upon the Constablerie, untill they send in money after the Rate of eight pence *per diem* for each Labourer, charged on them for the time so neglected, and pay the same to the said *John Roundell* and *Robert Hill*, and Register the same with the said *Mr. Ellis*. And the said Governour is further Ordered to do the like also in cases where any Townes shall make the like defaults for the time ensuing. And all the said moneys so to be sent in and paid for former defaults, and all other moneys to be sent in for Hyering of Labourers for the time to come from such Townes as send money and no Labourers, are to be issued and disposed of for the Wages of Workmen, according as shall be appointed by the said *Mr. Stockdale*, *Mr. Rodes*, and *Mr. Barroby*, to whom the Care and Charge of this Service is commended, and Power given them to appoint Overseers for the Worke, and give Directions therein upon all occasions, as they shall see expedient. Given at *Towlerton* under my Hand and Seale the fourth day of *January*, Anno Dom. 1648.

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